ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a network having an input device, such as a scanner, camera, or fax, and a destination device, the input device initiates transmission of input data to a destination device. The input device sends a request to the destination device notifying it of input data that is ready to be transmitted. If the destination device wants to accept the request, when the destination device is ready, the destination device gets, or "pulls" the data from the input device over the network. The input device can request and receive status information from the destination device. The destination device can also request and receive status information from the input device.

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